



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND  
ALEXANDRIA, VA  
22331-0482



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

TAPD-PED-S (600-8-1j)

24 AUG 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM Regional Medical Commands

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Approving Certain Line of Duty Investigations

1. By memorandum, subject as above, the Commander, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, has delegated to me the authority to make findings for line of duty investigations.

2. As authorized by the Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, I hereby delegate to Commanders, Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF), the authority to make findings of "in line of duty, not due to own misconduct" for cases of active component soldiers appearing before Medical Evaluation Boards (MEB) when soldiers' injuries were incurred in the following categories of activities:

a. All training accidents to include maneuvers and airborne operations.

b. All physical training related injuries, whether performed as an individual or as part of a unit.

c. All injuries incurred during unit or organizational sporting or recreational activities provided there was no alcohol involvement.

d. All slip and fall injuries which occur at ground level.

e. Injuries which were incurred in Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand during the Vietnam Era (4 Aug 64-27 Jun 73), or in other geographical areas where U.S. Army soldiers are no longer present.

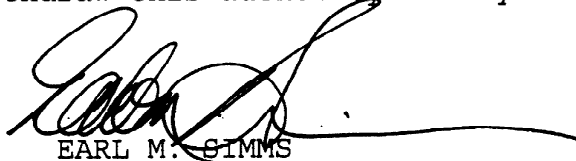
3. This delegation of authority only applies if the weight of evidence indicates that the injury was not due to misconduct or willful negligence, was not incurred during a period of unauthorized absence, and that the use of alcohol or drugs was not involved.

4. This delegation of authority may be further delegated to Chief, MTF Administrative Division responsible for MEB processing. This authority cannot be further delegated. It will remain in effect until AR 600-8-4, Line of Duty Investigations, is published. The MTF Commander, or designated representative,

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will personally sign each line of duty determination. I retain  
authority to cancel or withdraw this authority at any time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Earl M. Simms', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

EARL M. SIMMS  
Brigadier General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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Presidents, PEB

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